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Dear Ms. Fleming;

I am writing to ask you to not approve Duke Energy's request to raise their rates 17%. They had a 5.2% increase in February of 2010. By increasing their rates another 17% would make it 22.2% in less than 2 years.

Our electric bill used to be \$80 to \$90, but since they went up in February, our bill, for the same use, has increased to between \$125 to \$150, and we have not increased our use. This rate increase will add another financial burden to my struggling family. With an increase in gas, food, water company and others, it is extremely difficult to make ends meet.

I have been putting off looking for a second job so I could be with my children in the evenings, but if this increase gets approved, I will have no choice but to work another job.

Please don't approve this rate increase request of Duke Energy.

Thank you,

Nicole Marus

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Dear Mr. Mitchell;

Please dont approve the Duke Energy request to raise their rates by 17%.

We are a hard working family of five and to add ~~on~~ another increase in what we have to pay out each month is going to be a burden for us to meet. This will force me to get a second job just to make ends meet. It used to be one got a second and/or third job to buy something extra, Not just to keep the power on and food on the table.

Please dont approve this rate increase.

Thank you!

Vicki Marcus